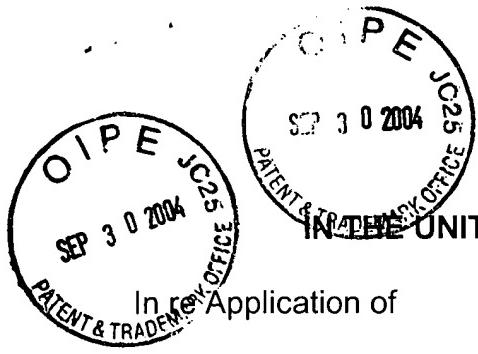


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For: LSI DESIGN METHOD AND VERIFICATION METHOD

ELECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

Mail Stop Amendment
Hon. Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed August 30, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire September 30, 2004, wherein the Examiner required restriction between the following Groups:

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| Group I | - | Claims 1-7, drawn to a method for designing an LSI using a conversion step to produce an encrypted circuit; |
| Group II | - | Claims 8-20 and 23, drawn to method for verifying an encrypted LSI by conducting simulation for design data; |
| Group III | - | Claim 21, drawn to a method for designing an LSI using a conversion step to produce an encrypted circuit based on timing information; and |

Group IV - Claim 22, drawn to a method for designing an LSI comprising a step of decoding circuit design data encrypted together with a circuit for determining a unique ID into actual design data and a unique ID determination circuit.

Applicants elect without traverse, Group I - claims 1-7 for initial prosecution on the merits.

Applicants also reserve the right to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected claims 8-22, which the Examiner has indicated is patentably distinct.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0417. A duplicate copy of this Response is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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